

## HARTFORD RANKS HIGH IN HELPING OTHERS

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(September 16, 2011) --- Since taking office, Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra has emphasized civic and community engagement and it looks like this call to action is paying off.

Statistics show Hartford ranks in the top 10 among metropolitan areas. According to the 2011 *Civic Life in America: Key Findings on the Civic Health of the Nation*, research shows that Hartford residents have made it a priority to help others.

## Hartford is ranked:

#6 in volunteering with a rate of 32.9% #6 in voting with a rate of 49.2% #10 in participating in groups with a rate of 40.2%

"Instead of turning away from problems, our residents are making it a priority to be part of the solution by helping family, friends, and neighbors overcome their challenges. They are doing it through collaboration--- with their places of worship, neighborhood organizations, or being ambassadors by serving on boards and commissions. This is wonderful news that the people of Hartford are living up to our name of being the city of hope and opportunity," said Mayor Segarra.

These numbers are based on data collected by the Corporation for National and Community Service in partnership with the National Conference on Citizenship, the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.